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In re patent application of

Applicant: Mientus et al.  
Serial No.: 10/785,639  
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Art Unit: Not yet known  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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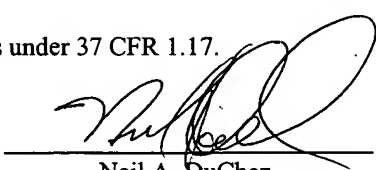
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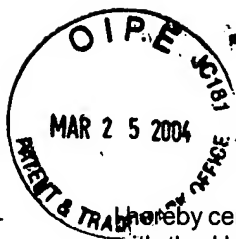
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to commencing examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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